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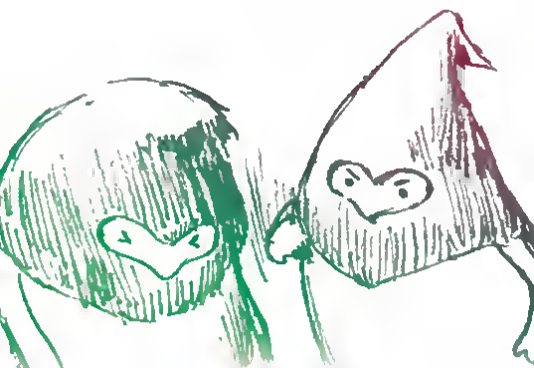
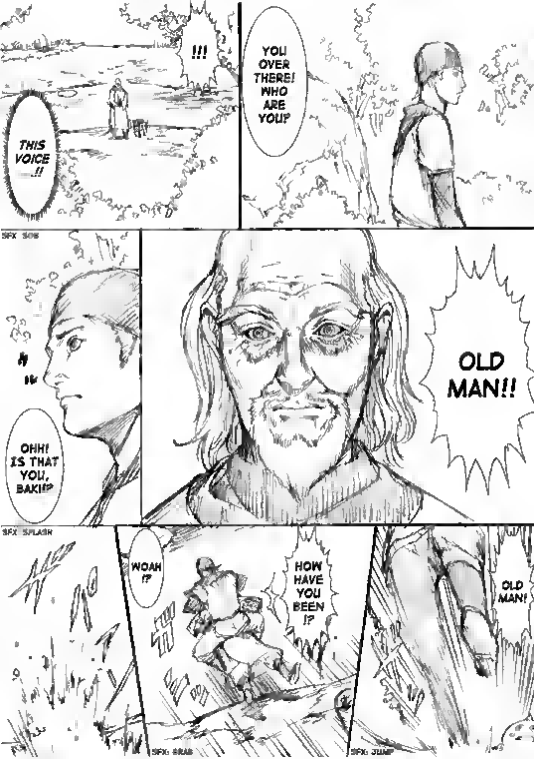


OH!!!
SFX: WHOOSH
SFX: CRACK
SFX: ROARRR
OOF
SFX: BOOM
WHERE IS THIS PLACE?
OW OW OW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THIS VOICE ...!!
YOU! OVER THERE! WHO ARE YOU!?
SFX: SOB
OHH! IS THAT YOU, BAKI!?
OLD MAN!!
SFX: SPLASH
WOAH !?
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN !?
OLD MAN!
SFX: GRAB
SFX: JUMP

SFX: SPLASH
SFX: SPLASH SPLASH
S-SORRY
YOU NINCOM-POOP!! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
GASP
BUT I SUPPOSE THE SPELL CAN'T BE FOOLED...
I WAS SCARED OF CHOOSING A PLACE THAT IS TOO FAR AWAY RIGHT OFF THE BAT, SO I IMAGINED PORT SELM! INSTEAD...
THE RETURN SPELL HAD BROUGHT US TO SANTA ROSA.
I'M GUESSING IT FLIES YOU TO THE PLACE YOU WANT TO GO TO THE MOST...
WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED GREETING THEM, GET CHANGED INTO DRY CLOTHES
FUGO !!
FUGO FUGO !!
BUGO, BOGO, HOW ARE YOU BUYS DOING?
AHH CHOO !!
IT WAS EARLY SUMMER
HOWEVER, THE LAKE WATER WAS STILL COLD

THE OLD MAN'S SOUP I HADN'T TASTED IN MORE THAN A YEAR WAS BLANDER THAN I REMEMBERED.
I WRAPPED MYSELF IN A BLANKET, AND SIPPED THE SOUP THE OLD MAN SERVED ME
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANY CLUES TO MR PAPAS HOMETOWN YET, BUT I STILL HAVE LOTS OF PLACES TO CHECK
WELL, NOT BAD I GUESS
HOW IS YOUR JOURNEY COMING ALONG?
ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN ALCAFA ORACLEBERRY AND HOW I WORKED ON A SHIP FOR THREE MONTHS
I TOLD THE OLD MAN ALL ABOUT MY JOURNEY SO FAR
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE CONSIDERING HOW YOU COULDN'T EVEN CAST HEAL RIGHT WHEN YOU LEFT...
I SEE SO THAT'S HOW YOU RETURNED HERE

SFX: SST
OH YEAH!
BY THE WAY YOU STILL HAVEN'T INTRODUCED THAT KID TO ME
HEH SORRY LOOKS LIKE IT'S TRUE THAT MEN GET MORE SENTIMENTAL WITH AGE
SFX: DUN
MY FAMILY! SLAMBO!!
THIS IS MY TRAVELLING PARTNER, MY FRIEND AND—
MEEP MEEP MEEP
HE SAYS "NICE TO MEET YOU"
SAY HI TO HIM
SLAMBO, MEET THE MAN WHO SINGLE-HANDEDLY SAVED ME FROM BEING A NEET SYPHER!!

THAT'S JUST HOW CLOSE WE ARE!!
I SEE
FAMILY ...?
TO THINK THAT YOU ACTUALLY HAD WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME A MONSTER MASTER...
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, OLD MAN
I'M GLAD YOU'VE TURNED INTO SUCH A FINE FELLOW
ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE SOUP SEEMED TO TASTE BETTER TOO.
WILL YOU LET THAT GO ALREADY? I'M NOT THE GUY I WAS THEN
BUT YOU'RE NOT MAKING IT ALL UP AGAIN, ARE YOU?
OLD MAN SEEMED TO BE HAPPY FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART.

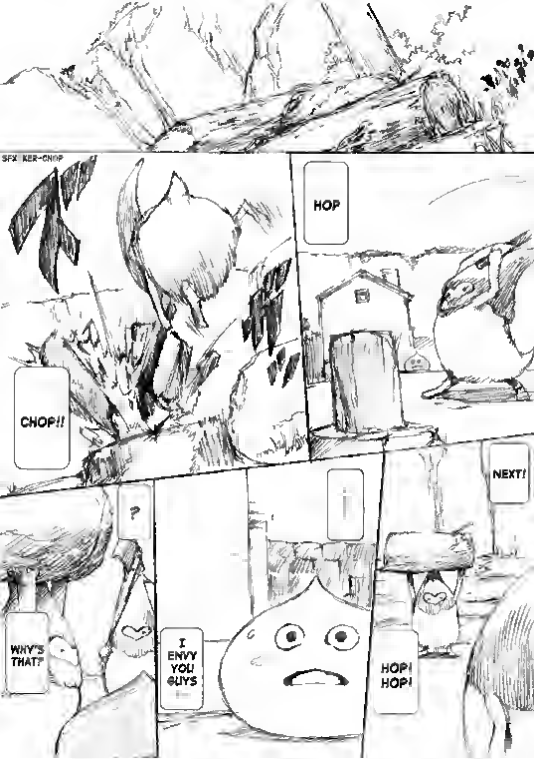
I USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO PAY THE VILLAGERS' GRAVES A VISIT
WHEN THEY'RE CLEAN NOW...
HAVING RETURNED TO THE OLD MAN'S PLACE AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME, I DECIDED TO TAKE IT EASY FOR A FEW DAYS.
ERR... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
GO-GOOD MORNING!
EH?
!!
GOOD MORNING!
UMM... YOU'RE NOT IN A HURRY ARE YOU? I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU A STORY
MY FAMILY RECENTLY MOVED HERE AND WE EVEN BUILT A HOUSE BECAUSE WE THOUGHT NO ONE LIVES HERE...
AH!! YOU LIVE HERE IN THIS VILLAGE?
?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...? I LIVE AROUND HERE
I'M GLAD THE VILLAGE I GREW UP IN IS SLOWLY COMING TO LIFE AGAIN EVEN IF IT'S ONLY LITTLE BY LITTLE...
AH... YES, SEE YOU
PLEASE COME VISIT US SOMETIME
SEE YOU THEN...
I HAD NO IDEA SUCH A HORRIBLE THING HAPPENED IN THIS VILLAGE
IT SEEMS PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO SETTLE IN THE RUINS OF THIS VILLAGE. IN FACT, QUITE A FEW FAMILIES HAD ALREADY MOVED HERE.

WHAT'S WITH THAT GET-UP ?
?
OLD MAN, I'M BACK.
SURE
BAKI, DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
WHAT'D WE COME OUT HERE FOR?

BUT I WANT TO SEE FOR MYSELF IF THERE'S ANYTHING TO IT
FROM WHAT YOU SAID IT SEEMS YOU'VE BECOME PRETTY STRONG
BRACE YOUR-SELF
I DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, OLD MAN. YOU'LL JUST BUST YOUR HIP AGAIN
A PRAC-TICE BOUT?
SFX: WHUMP
!!?

TSK
SEE ? THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT MY HIPS
UGH
IN FACT, I'VE BEEN IN TOP CONDITION LATELY
TEACH ME ?
WHAT IS IT?
BESIDES, THERE S SOMETHING IMPORTANT I NEED TO TEACH YOU

HOW TO USE BATTLE AURA SKILLS
HOW TO USE... BATTLE AURA SKILLS?
I WILL SHOW YOU AN EXAMPLE NOW
AND YOU TRY TO COPY IT


SFX: KER-CHOP
CHOP!!
HOP
HOP!
HOP!
NEXT!
?
WHY'S THAT?
I ENVY YOU GUYS

I WISH I HAD ARMS AND LEGS LIKE YOU...
THEN I'D BE ABLE TO HOLD THINGS AND USE TOOLS...
YOU SURE SAY WEIRD STUFF, SLIME...
GUESS YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO PRAY TO GOD
ASK GOD TO GIVE YOU ARMS AND LEGS
SFX: THWACK
.....YEAH, I THINK I'D PRAY REAL HARD IF I WERE YOU
HEY! I WAS JOKING, YOU KNOW?
YEAH, BUT...
I ONCE HEARD OF A STORY THAT GOES LIKE THIS

REALLY?
A SLIME TURNED INTO A HUMAN!?
A SLIME THAT WANTED TO BECOME HUMAN REALLY BAD ACTUALLY TURNED INTO A HUMAN
SFX: PONK
STOP MAKING STUFF UP!
UGH!
HUH. NO IT REALLY HAPPENED
EHH. BUT IT'S JUST A FAIRY TALE ISN'T IT?
SFX: PONK PONK
SHUT UP!
I'LL TELL GRAMPS THAT YOU HIT ME!!

I WONDER IF I'D STOP SEEING THAT SCARY DREAM IF I BECAME HUMAN...
AND MAYBE I WOULDN'T CAUSE SO MUCH TROUBLE TO BAKI ANYMORE ...
HUMAN...
SFX: PONK PONK PONK
NO!! PLEASE DON'T FIGHT!
SFX: PONK
!!

YOU OKAY?
OWW
BUT THANKS IT WAS REALLY WORTH IT
SIGH
WHO ARE YOU REALLY, OLD MAN...
I'M NOT OKAY
I'VE ALSO LEARNED WHAT TRUE FEAR IS—
NOT ONLY D I KNOW HOW TO APPLY BATTLE AURA NOW
HO HO HO.

OH YEAH!
ALSO, MAKE SURE YOU DON'T NEGLECT YOUR NORMAL TRAINING
THAT'S GOOD BECAUSE IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW FEAR...
HE'S ALWAYS DRESSED IN WARRIOR GEAR I TOLD HIM TO COME HERE BECAUSE HE WANTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BATTLE AURA...
DID A MAN CALLED XENO COME LOOKING FOR YOU?
GUESS MR XENO HEADED STRAIGHT TO REINHART THEN
IS THAT RIGHT...
HUH NO ONE CAME
...

THE GOOD LUCK CHARM
AHH
OH, RIGHT, DO YOU STILL HAVE "THAT"?
THAT?
OF COURSE, I STILL HAVE IT
LOOK
SFX LINK
NO SIGNS OF IT GLOWING HUH
SFX FWP
NOW GO TO BED
GOOD, DON'T LOSE IT...
WE'RE GOING TO TRAIN HARD TOMORROW TOO
YAY...
.....

WHAT'S WRONG, SLAMBO? CAN'T SLEEP?
...?
HUH ...?
HMMM...
.....
I'LL DO MY BEST TOMOR-ROW TOO...
YEAH
MEEP MEEP!

SAY WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SLIME THAT TURNED INTO A HUMAN?
DID IT BECOME HAPPY?
AT FIRST, HE WAS REALLY HAPPY ABOUT IT...
BUT IN THE END, HE CAME TO HATE HIMSELF AND
LEFT THIS WORLD IN DESPAIR, OR SO I HEARD...
.....
I'M NOT SURE...
SO, NO, I DON'T THINK HE BECAME HAPPY...
EVEN SO
I DON'T CARE IF I DON'T BECOME HAPPY
IF I COULD ONLY BECOME HUMAN...
IF I COULD BECOME HUMAN
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Appendix:

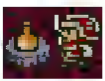
Characters in chapter 14:

Baki

Slomba

Baat mon

Xeno



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Spells in chapter 14:

- Return (Zoom)
- Heal

Locations in chapter 14:

- Rurophin (Zoomingale)
- Santa Rosa (Wheatbrook)
- Alcapa (Roundbeck)
- Orocleberry (Fortuna)